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1. "This directive comes into force the day of its publication.
2. "The fight against the Church must be conducted according to a plan and a system; we are in no hurry to conclude a concordat with the Vatican. Any kind of a modus vivendi is better than a formal agreement as long as the PPR does not feel strong enough to disregard the Vatican, to break relations with the hierarchy, and to declare a war against the clergy which will be both ruthless and decisive. Practicing Catholics must not be allowed in key positions of the PPR and the block parties. On the other hand, non-believers are to be favored effectively.
3. "When nominating people for positions--whether in the government, secret police, militia, army, schools, or administration--practicing Catholics should be eliminated. Those who are actively working in the PPR and block party comrades in responsible positions of government who will not be prepared to loosen and then break contact with Catholicism, should be passed over for advancement and in time should be relieved. It is obvious that other reasons for this must be given. In all unofficial activities, especially with youth, Catholicism should be derided. Its hierarchy, all church organizations, and everything which has anything to do with Catholicism should be mocked."

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